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Subject: Request for information in follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee at its fifteenth meeting

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that at its fifteenth meeting held in Rome from 1 to 4 October 2019, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee adopted four decisions contained in annex I to the report of the meeting set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.15/7. The report will be made available on the Stockholm Convention website: www.pops.int/poprc15

By decisions POPRC-15/2 and POPRC-15/3, the Committee decided that it is satisfied that the screening criteria have been fulfilled for the following chemicals and established intersessional working groups to review the proposals further and to prepare draft risk profiles:

- Decchlorane Plus (CAS No. 13560-89-9) and its syn-isomer (CAS No. 135821-03-3) and anti-isomer (CAS No. 135821-74-8);
- Methoxychlor.

The Committee invited, in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat the information specified in Annex E for Decchlorane Plus (CAS No. 13560-89-9) and its syn-isomer (CAS No. 135821-03-3) and anti-isomer (CAS No. 135821-74-8) and for methoxychlor, before **2 December 2019**.

The form for submission of information specified in Annex E is enclosed in this letter.

Furthermore, by decision POPRC-15/4, the Committee established intersessional working groups on decabromodiphenyl ether and on short-chain chlorinated paraffins to undertake the activities specified in paragraph 5 of decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14, on review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins, respectively.

Recalling decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14 as well as sections 7 and 8 of the letter dated 2 June 2017 sent to Parties and observers to solicit information sought in the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its eighth meeting, Parties and observers are invited to submit information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins using the form enclosed in this letter, before **2 December 2019**.

Please submit, before 2 December 2019, the information using the enclosed forms to the Secretariat, by e-mail (kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org).

To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points, National Focal Points, observers
Cc: Representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

In addition, by decision POPRC-15/1, the Committee adopted the risk management evaluation for perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.15/7/Add.1) and decided, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A to the Convention without specific exemptions.

The Committee's recommendations on the listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention to be considered at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, which is scheduled to take place from 17 to 28 May 2021, will be communicated to the Parties at least six months in advance of the meeting.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (e-mail: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org; tel. +41 22 917 8201).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

Encl. Form for Annex E information; Form for information on decaBDE and SCCPs